Industrial Insurance Chiropractic Advisory Committee (IICAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15, 2008



Final

Present: Robert Baker, DC

Clay Bartness, DC Roger Coleman, DC Linda DeGroot, DC

Michael Dowling, DC, Chair

Lissa Grannis, DC Jay Lawhead, DC

Bill Pratt, DC, Vice Chair

Ron Wilcox, DC Bob Mootz, DC Joanne McDaniel Carole Horrell

La Vonda McCandless

Absent: Optional for Janet Blume

Guests: NA

Assignments:

PPQ members have large literature review reading assignments.

The subcommittees will continue to draft their action plans and work on their deliverables.

General Business

4/17/08 IICAC minutes:

Moved, Seconded, Carried: Unanimous vote to approve the minutes as written.

Legislative Update: No report.

IICAC Subcommittee Reports:

PPQ:

Dr. Lawhead, Chair, reported that the group is reviewing literature and working toward developing practice aids on upper extremity neuro entrapments. The first one will be on CTS. Further goals are in the early stages of development.

Moved, Seconded, Carried: Transfer to the PEO subcommittee management responsibilities for the Chiropractic Consultation Program.

PEO:

Dr. Wilcox, Chair, reported that the Grant-Adams County Annual Conference was well attended. His IICAC presentation went very well and participants asked great questions about the IICAC's role and the Chiropractic Consultant Program. Participants said that they liked the IICAC brochure, as it contains the kinds of information that they need

The subcommittee will develop a handout on how to become a chiropractic consultant, why and when to obtain a consultation and what information to expect from second opinion examinations.

At today's subcommittee meeting, the team will prepare materials to distribute at the summer conventions and the 10/11/08 Chiropractic Consultation Seminar.

Department Updates:

Dr. Mootz reported resolution of the complaint related to a self insured employer's TPA. Dr. Pratt should receive a copy of the resolution letter in a few days.

Carole Horrell, Claims Operations Manager, reported on new "Pay on Appeal" legislation. The State Fund always had paid benefits and medical if we believe the merits of a claim, even though the employer appeals allowance of the claim. Effective 6/12/08, self-insured employers must do so. However, the employer can request a stay from the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals (BIIA). All information in the file up to the date of the appeal will be considered. If approved, no benefits can be paid.

To assure that the BIIA has complete information to consider, it's important that doctors who file ROAs also submit reports and test findings quickly.

Next Meeting:

The IICAC will reconvene on Thursday, June 19, 2008 from 8:30 to 11:30 am.

The IICAC will recess during July and August 2008.